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IMPEACHMENT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF:

IMPEACHMENT TRIAL OF
VICE PRESIDENT
SARA ZIMMERMAN DUTERTE

CASE NO. 004-2026

REQUEST FOR STIPULATION

(Re: Material Facts Concerning Witness Edward D. Fajarda)

In line with the pronouncement made by the Honorable Impeachment Court, through the Honorable Presiding Officer, on August 12, 2026, to furnish the Respondent with the requested stipulations, the Panel of Prosecutors respectfully submits the following proposed stipulations concerning the Prosecution's intended next witness, **MR. EDWARD D. FAJARDA** ("Fajarda"):

1. Fajarda served as Executive Assistant and as the Special Disbursing Officer ("SDO") for confidential funds of the Department of Education ("DepEd"), during the term of Respondent Vice President Sara Duterte as Secretary of Education;

2. In such capacity, Fajarda was tasked to disburse and liquidate the P112.5 Million DepEd confidential funds subject of this case;

3. At the relevant time, Fajarda's wife also held the position of Head Executive Assistant ("HEA") and later as Assistant Secretary at DepEd, while Respondent Vice President Sara Duterte was the Secretary of Education;

4. While at the DepEd, Fajarda and his wife received substantial monthly salaries;

5. Following the resignation of Respondent Vice President Sara Duterte as Secretary of Education, both Fajarda and his wife were appointed to positions at the Office of the Vice President ("OVP");

6. Fajarda's employment at the OVP is co-terminus with that of Respondent Vice President Sara Duterte;

7. Fajarda's wife, Atty. Sunshine Charry Fajarda, is likewise employed at the OVP; her employment is co-terminus with that of Respondent Vice President Sara Duterte as well;

8. The positions currently held by Fajarda and his wife at the OVP carry substantial salaries, allowances, and employment benefits, similar to those attached to their respective positions at the DepEd;

9. Fajarda and/or his wife have had an association with Respondent Vice President Sara Duterte, whether personal or professional, dating back to their days in Davao City at least since 2011, or for around fifteen (15) years already;

10. Fajarda and his wife in fact both transferred residence from Davao City to Metro Manila sometime in July 2022, after Respondent Vice President Sara Duterte was elected as Vice President and concurrently appointed as Secretary of Education, to join her and serve with her at the DepEd; and

11. Fajarda, his wife, and the respondent Vice President Sara Duterte, are co-respondents in the proceedings for plunder, malversation of public funds, and related offenses, now pending before the Office of the Ombudsman.

The foregoing facts are proposed for stipulation solely as to their factual existence, without requiring the parties to agree on their legal or evidentiary effect. Once stipulated, these facts would enable the Impeachment Court to consider, without the need for preliminary questioning, the circumstances surrounding Fajarda's testimony and determine whether they warrant his declaration as a hostile or unwilling witness under Rule 132, Section 13 of the Rules of Court. This approach would conserve the precious time of the Impeachment Court while leaving entirely to it the determination of the appropriate treatment of Fajarda as a witness, consistent with the applicable Rules and the Honorable Impeachment Court's prior ruling concerning the immediately preceding witness, Ms. Gina Acosta.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

Quezon City for Pasay City, August 24, 2026.

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